

Interpretive Guide

Volunteer Service Description

Yuma Quartermaster Depot State Historic Park

Position Title: Interpretive Guide.

Service Summary: The Interpretive Guide assists the park's Interpretive Education Coordinator in researching, planning, and presenting park interpretive programs. Most of these programs are designed for schoolchildren in grades 1-8, although the park also offers our History of the Yuma Quartermaster Depot tour for adult tour groups and the general public. The volunteer may choose which group(s) they would like to work with.

Supervisor: Park Volunteer Coordinator.

Location: Both on and off the park grounds.

Time Commitment: Varies; based upon education program reservations.

Training: Volunteer Orientation and Interpretive Guide Training.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities:

- Conduct research on the cultural and natural history of the Yuma area.
- Assist with preparing written guidelines for park programs.
- Assist with matching existing programs with Arizona State Academic Standards.
- Present interpretive programs both on and off the park grounds.

Qualifications and Requirements:

- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Excellent customer service skills.
- Ability to research and learn the park's history.
- Some familiarity with computers.

Benefits of Service: After 40 hours of volunteer service, the volunteer receives a Volunteer Park Pass, allowing them free, day-use entry to all Arizona State Parks for one year (excludes only Kartchner Caverns). As volunteer hours accrue, volunteers are rewarded for their dedicated service with other recognition items. In addition to formal recognition items, the park offers a wide variety of benefits to volunteers. Volunteers can expect to learn valuable skills, gain a better appreciation of the importance of Yuma's history, and form long-lasting friendships while on the job. Volunteers are also invited to an annual, potluck appreciation dinner.